

PUBLIC SAFETY COMES FIRST

DEDICATED TO SERVICE  
CRIME PREVENTION SPECIALIST HONORED

BLOOMINGTON POLICE CRIME PREVENTION Specialist Niki Pierson was honored with the 2004 Rosie Griep Legacy Award, the highest honor given to a crime prevention professional in the State of Minnesota. The award recognizes those who demonstrate a lifetime achievement of promoting crime prevention programs.

Pierson’s career in crime prevention spans over 15 years, first as president of

the Bloomington Crime Prevention Association and then with the Bloomington Police Department (BPD). Her accomplishments include expanding the Neighborhood Watch program from 32 to 323 participating neighborhoods by 2004. In her 12 years with the BPD, Pierson has also initiated many programs that have helped keep Bloomington a safe community. They include the Annual Block Captains’



Left to right: Minnesota Crime Prevention Association President Joe Cordie, Crime Prevention Specialist Niki Pierson and Bloomington Police Chief John Laux.

Workshop, Neighborhood Alert System, National Night Out (*see page 1*), Predatory Offender Registration and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

RULES AND REGULATIONS  
MOTORIZED SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS, BIKES AND GO-CARTS

MOTORIZED SCOOTERS MAY BE AT THE TOP of wish lists this holiday season but parents should think twice before they buy. The use of recreational motorized vehicles is limited in Bloomington and in most other cities.

State law already regulates recreational motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles, licensed mopeds, and electric or motorized bicycles, due to public safety concerns. The City Council amended and clarified rules and regulations regarding the use

of recreational motorized vehicles not regulated by state law. The ordinance prohibits the use of motorized scooters and skateboards, go-carts and mini bikes on Bloomington streets, parks and sidewalks. These vehicles can only be used on private property with the owner’s permission or at designated areas approved by the City Council.

Police Commander Paul McCullough said he has received many calls from residents regarding recreational motorized vehicles.

“We’ve heard it loud and clear from Bloomington’s neighborhoods that these vehicles are a nuisance and present a hazard,” McCullough said. “The noise and careless driving of these vehicles are not compatible with the peace, quiet and safety that our community wants.”

Motorized wheelchairs used for mobility by disabled persons are not restricted. For more information, call Lieutenant Paul McCullough at 952-563-8834.

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY  
OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR CIVIC-MINDED ADULTS AND YOUTH

THE CITY COUNCIL IS SEEKING applicants to serve on the following advisory boards and commissions for terms beginning January 2005. Youth positions are available on the Human Rights Commission and Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission.

For more information or an application, call the specific board or commission, or the City Manager’s office at 952-563-8780. Download an application from the City’s Web site at [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keywords: Commission application. Applications must be received by Friday, December 17, for consideration at the Council’s organizational meeting in January.

<b>Advisory Board of Health</b>	<b>952-563-8919</b>
Advises the Council on issues related to personal and public health of residents. Positions for both health care providers and consumers are available.	
<b>Board of Appeal and Equalization</b>	<b>952-563-8706</b>
Hears appeals of property values established by City Assessor. Members must have experience as appraiser, Realtor, real estate attorney, property manager or be familiar with real estate valuation in Bloomington.	
<b>Human Rights Commission</b>	<b>952-563-8733 V/TTY 952-563-8740</b>
Advises the Council on human rights matters, mediates discrimination complaints, provides education and advocates for human rights issues.	
<b>Merit Board</b>	<b>952-563-8710</b>
Oversees the administration of the merit system for City employees. Establishes and maintains rules and policies for human resource administration. The board meets as necessary.	
<b>Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission</b>	<b>952-563-8877</b>
Advises the Council on matters of capital development, improvement and maintenance of city parks, as well as recreation and cultural arts programs.	
<b>Planning Commission</b>	<b>952-563-8920</b>
Holds public hearings and makes recommendations to the Council on land use, long-range development strategies, development applications and zoning.	
<b>Traffic and Transportation Advisory Commission</b>	<b>952-563-4913</b>
Considers traffic and transportation for existing and new development, concentrates on preservation and service of the existing system, holds public hearings on neighborhood traffic concerns, considers improvements and conducts study projects.	

GET INVOLVED

THERE ARE MANY VOLUNTEER opportunities available in Bloomington. Find out how you can make a difference in your community. Visit [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keyword: Volunteer, or call Kerry Stone at 952-563-8737.

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